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We believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "**A System and Method for Converting an Existing Blood Collection Instruments for Communication with Standard Communication Protocols**", filed on May 24, 2001.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified Specification, including the Claims.

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Prior Foreign Application(s)

<u>NONE</u>			<u>Priority</u>
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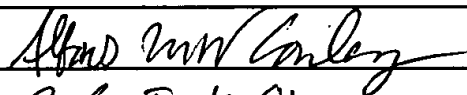
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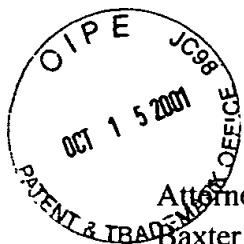
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